

U.S. Application No.: 10/049,770  
SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

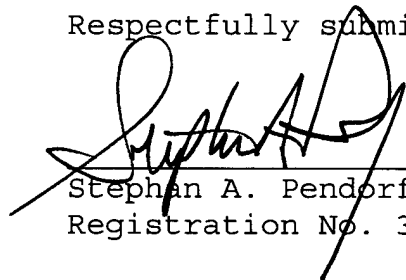
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**REMARKS**

Claim 10 is hereby canceled, and claims have been amended to conform to US practice.

Entry and favorable consideration prior to consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

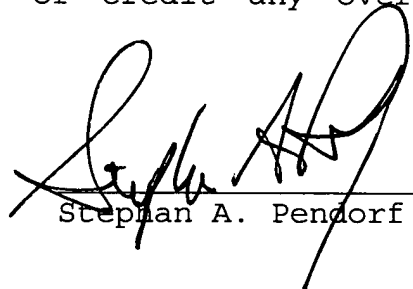
  
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing **SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT** for U.S. Application No. **10/049,770** filed February 19, 2002, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, addressed: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on October 15, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application, except for the issue fee, without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.

  
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